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26th February 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No 793. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th February 1877, No. 636:—

Read the following letter from W. G. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated Duttalur, 18th January 1877, Extra No. 2.

I HAVE the honor to reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 3,244 of 21st December 1876, and I hope you will take this for the weekly report called for in your letter, Extra No. 7, of 16th December 1876. I have only just been able to take the matter of accounts and supervision into hand and have been very busy on it lately. The following system is now in work at Udayagiri and will be from next Monday everywhere I hope.

2. Each Superintendent has a half sheet of foolscap ruled for seven days for 100 men. Each day has two columns and the muster-rolls are called at 7 A.M., noon, 2 P.M., and a quarter of an hour before sunset, when the coolies are made to sit down in order. Thus for one man a register might be of this form:—

Narrayanasawmy's Gang.

Names.	MONDAY.		TUESDAY.			
	Morning.	After.	Morning.	After.		
1. Chenchiah ...	/	x	x	x		

After the 2 o'clock muster all these roll-calls will be sent to the Head Supervisor. He will take out from each gang the head coolies at 4 Annas first, then those on three, and then at two, and so on. His register will be as follows:—

Gangs.	Coolies at Annas 4.			Sum returned by Supervisor on account of absentees at 5 P.M., Muster.
	NO.	RS. A. P.		
1. Narrayanasawmy ...	1	0 4 0		
Total ...	✓			

He will then send each Supervisor the amount he requires. He will fill in the final column after payments are made and then at once send the return to the Taluq Sheristadar. At the end of the week after the payment for Sunday is made, the Supervisor will send his weekly register to the Taluq Sheristadar. There will thus be the cash chitta, and the daily and the weekly registers for check. Still, as long

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as money is received in such insufficient quantities from the Treasury at Nellore,

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there will still be confusion. The reasons for the non-receipt of money are, I believe, two, (1) insufficiency of cash at Nellore, (2) want of a careful estimate on the part of the Tahsildar. The former is beyond

me. The latter defect I have provided against by myself preparing a careful estimate up to the end of February. I shall in future make or check the estimates.

3. When the works were first started, there was no assistance given and the distances to be got over very large. I had to select and mark out the lines. In fact I must have broken down completely, if Mr. Plummer had not sent the Taluq Overseer to mark out some miles of the Battah and Duttalur road. But even on that I had to do part of the pegging out, work which an intelligent Maistry would have probably done better. The road from Udayagiri to Seetharampuram runs through a most difficult line of country and six or seven miles through thick scrub jungle. I was working some ten hours a day for a month or more pegging out this line. I have also had to mark out the road dams. Mr. Plummer is now engaged on the line from Duttalur to Pamur, and has already selected that from Gollapalli to Chakalakondah. We are going to Seetharampuram on Monday, to see again easy route to Purmarmala in the Cuddapah District is to be found. I hear there is a Kanawa. The brick-layer head coolies sent out are no use. Those that ran away, did us best service by doing so. I have failed to get any coolies to migrate to the East Coast Canal. At present the Revenue Department seem to have all the coolies and the East Coast Canal all the available officers for works and supervision.

Note by the Collector.

Mr. Underwood has been instructed to select 1,000 suitable coolies for canal work, give them a week's notice, and then direct them to the canal with batta, thereafter giving them no work locally.

(Signed) H. S.

4. The works in progress are—

I. Battah, and Duttalur road, 21½ miles.

II. Udayagiri and Seetharampuram road, 19 miles (approximate).

The works proposed—

I. Road from Duttalur to Pamur.

II. Do. Gollapalli to Ramapuram.

Of the latter I will forward estimates as soon as received.

Mr. Plummer's estimate for the road from Battah to Pamur is Rs. 51,420. Taking Duttalur as half-way the estimate of the road thence to Battah is about Rs. 26,000. The expenditure up to 31st December 1876 was Rs. 9,929-11-3. The road has been taken in hand almost along its entire length. Between here and Nandipad (5 or 6 miles) the earthwork and side drains are completed save cutting into one vagu. Metalling, gravelling and tamping has been completed off and on for about two miles. I have stopped tamping owing to the scarcity of water. The rest of the road is in various stages from the earthwork being shaped to the gravel being spread. From Nandipad on for about three miles the earthwork is done save a deep cutting into a vagu. I have not been down to Brahmanapalli and do not know what progress has been made there. On the Seetharampuram road except about four miles in the centre all the work is in hand. Mr. Plummer has given a rough estimate of 11,400 Rupees and a distance of

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nineteen miles. He has never been over the road. I have had to trudge some fifteen or twenty times backwards and forwards and cannot make it more than seventeen miles; but by scale on the map it is nearly twenty miles. The expenditure to the end of the last day of December was Rupees 12,935-15-5, to which Rupees 27 should be added for money spent in October 1876 by the Tahsildar. This road gravelling has not been commenced generally, as the Range Officer said it was hard enough

Note by Collector.

The road is useful both permanently as a line of communication and also as a central relief work in a distressed locality. It is in zemindari land, so no tank work is available.

(Signed) H. S.

to stand without. I do not think the road can be made under Rupees 1,200 a mile. The vagus are numerous with very steep banks and the roadway is generally in a cutting or on a high embankment. First the jungle for a long distance had to be

cleared. Then a couple of feet of loose stones removed and then rocks. The side channel is cut in large stones or through rock. So the difficulty of getting earth for the road was great, and the side of the road looks like a quarry. The roadway is of small stones and red earth, hence no necessity for metalling. The first seven or eight miles are nearly in hand. About one mile between Yerraballi and Udayagiri has only had the jungle cleared and the stones removed (at least not all of those farthest embedded are yet removed). All the large embankments are finished save one which wanted a rise of two feet more when I saw it two days ago. One very deep cutting into a vagu has to be finished. It was well in hand four days ago. On beyond Yerraballi the road has the earth work completed for nearly two miles. Then from the Seetharampuram end the road round and over the hill is completed. This was one of the most expensive parts of the road. The metal has been collected. The road has been completed on for about four miles I hear; but I have not been there lately. The road dams are all dry stone walls with four inch metalling between them, which will be tamped when rain comes.

5. I have sanctioned the clearance of silt of two wells, one at Seetharampuram, where there are only two. The other is at Chintalagunta. Cholera was in a hamlet, and there was only slush at the bottom of the well. It is half way between Duttalur and Nandipad, and will be of use to the new road.

6. The health of the people is bad, and I expected to have to add to my various

occupations that of sexton. The cholera patients die and the relatives throw their bodies just outside the village, and I have the greatest difficulty to get them removed.

Note by Collector.

A special village sheet has been issued on this subject.

(Signed) H. S.

A decided terror reigns, and when I leave things go on as before and they evade my orders if I do not see them carried out.

Note by Collector.

This is with reference to instructions from the Collector on the subject of providing shelter for coolies.

(Signed) H. S.

At the works on the Seetharampuram road I have managed to get the shelter sheds for outsiders working near Udayagiri built three miles from the town.

7. Supplies of rice are coming in, and a seer and a handful can be bought for Annas 2. I do not know whether the change of diet has affected the health of the people. Dry grains are hardly procurable and only in very small quantities.

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8. The health of the cattle is good ; but the condition bad. Many deaths occur from starvation.* Leaves are their only food. The rich with valuable animals are feeding them at great expense on cholum.
Notes by Collector.
** i.e., among the cattle.*
Large droves have been sent to the hills.

9. Drinking water is getting very scarce in many villages. I shall submit proposals villagewar on this.

10. The relief-houses are a great nuisance, as great attempts at imposition are made. The last request is that I will feed all the respectable ghosha females in Udayagiri and give the men clerk's posts. Two houses only have been opened.

11. It has quite slipped my memory day by day ; but I intended to buy two annas' worth of rice and have it weighed ; but I will shortly let you know the results.

12. Mr. Plummer is quite satisfied with the work turned out. I hope it will not be too dear ; but till a mile is completed the Taluq Overseer will not measure it up.

No. 524.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings,†

† Recorded in G.O., 28th Dec. 1876, No. 2,202. No. 3,244, of 21st December last. Mr. Underwood has been most indefatigable in personal exertions in carrying out relief works, especially in the Udayagiri Taluq. He will have professional assistance immediately.

NAIDUPETTY,

30th January 1877.

(Signed)

M. DASEKA CHARRY,

Ag. Dy. Collector,
for Ag. Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector should take the question of the relief of gosha women at Udayagiri into serious consideration and endeavour, with the assistance of respectable Mahomedans, to organize a system of relief for them. Many of them no doubt urgently require help, but would rather die at home than seek it in public.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

No. 794.

ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1877, No. 826.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

J. H. GARSTIN,

Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
To the Financial Department.
To the Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French and A. Grubert.

Thursday

Madras

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 15th February 1877

No 636

Read the following

Extra No 2.

From

W. G. Underwood Esquire

As Asst. Collector

To

F. R. W. Sharp Esquire

As Collector of Nellore.

Sir

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Yours

Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated February, 1877.

Recd.

G.O. No 2615 February 1877. No. 636.

FEBRUARY.
No. 793-794.

FAMINE RELIEF. 591.

Chief Works, Head Assistant Collector's
Division, Nellore District. - Recording Board's
Proceedings on Mr. Underwood's Report on -

2. Each Superintendent has a half sheet of foolscap ruled for seven days for 100 men.

Each day has two Columns and the muster-rolls are called at 7 a.m. Noon 2-p.m. and a quarter of an hour before sunset, when the Coolies are made to sit down in order. Thus for one man a register might be of this form.

Narayana's Gang

Names.	Monday		Tuesday		Sunday.
	Mon aft	Mon aft	Tues aft	Tues aft	
Chinchiah	x	x	x	x	

After the two O'clock muster all these rolls - calls will be sent to the Head Supervisor. He will take out from each gang the head Coolies at 4 a.m. as first then those on three and then at two and so on. His register will be as follows:—

Gangs	Coolies at 0 4 0				Sum returned by Supervisor on account of absence at 5 p.m. muster
	No	Rs	A	P	
Narayana's Gang	1	0	4	0	
Total					

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send the return to the Taluk Sheristadar. At the end of the week after the payment for Sunday is made the supervisor will send his weekly register to the Taluk Sheristadar. There will thus be the Cash Chitto, and the daily and the weekly registers for check. Still as long as money is received in such insufficient

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3. When the works were first started there was no estimate given and the distances to be got over very large. I had to select and mark out the lines. In fact I must have broken down completely if Mr. Plummer had not sent the Taluk officer to mark out some miles of the Battah and Duttalur road. But even on that I had

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I have &c
/s/ W. G. Lindesay
Asst. District Collector.

No 524. (True Copy)

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue
with reference to their Proceedings
No

No 3244 of 21st December last.

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Collectors office }
Camp Maidpett } By M. Dasu Kashyap
30 January 1897 } As Dy Collector
for As Collector

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of
Revenue Madras.

Submitted for the information
of Government.

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(True Copy and Extract)

W. R. S. S.
As Secretary

To
The Additional Secretary to Government
P.D.

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Feb 15th February 1877

Submitted, for info-

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